GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1423
ANSWERED ON:29.10.2008
FREE SECOND- LINE TREATMENT FOR AIDS PATIENTS
Rao Shri Sambasiva Rayapati

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to provide second-line treatment free to AIDS patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of funds allocated or proposed to be allocated for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c) The Government has initiated second line treatment to eligible HIV/AIDS patients on a pilot basis at 2 ART Centres and is considering expansion to 8 more Centres during the year 2008-09. As these services are being given at existing ART Centres, there is no additional requirement of funds. Drugs required for second line treatment are being provided by Clinton Foundation as commodity assistance.